



Los Alamos National Laboratory **STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

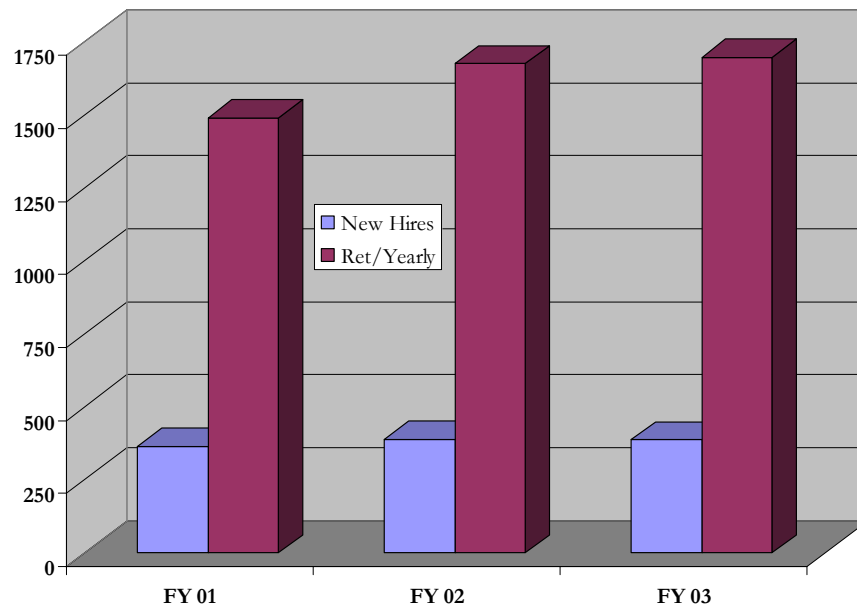
“By students, for students”

*...representing students at LANL, and improving
the quality of life and education for all entering the
Laboratory's student programs for over 10 years.*



STUDENT STATS

Annual Student Population at LANL



-Internship program continues to grow each year

-High school co-op

-Undergraduate

-Graduate / Postdoctoral

- Student population triples during the summer

- Students contribute to the LA economy



ACTIVITIES

EDUCATIONAL

- Onsite tours of LANL
- Offsite tours (WIPP, Nevada Test Site, Trinity Site)
- Informational breakfasts

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Resume / CV writing workshops
- Annual Student Symposium
- Behavioral interviewing skills

SOCIAL

- Annual picnic (summer)
- Annual holiday potluck (winter)



LOS ALAMOS COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Financial:	Annual student discount cards (Chamber of Commerce)
Entertainment:	Movie Theater (new)
Travel:	Park & Ride (new)

CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS

Student Programs evaluation 2003 feedback:

- Twice as many complaints than positive assessments
- Housing continues to be a major concern
- Limited supply, high cost, low quality
- Propose development of centralized (dormitory-style) housing



Student Questionnaire Results & Comments

Good cross-section of population

Twice as many students (>1 year) than (<1 year)

What do students like about Los Alamos?

Students enjoy and appreciate all of the amenities offered by the county. Outdoor activities dominate, but ample use is made of the movie theater, LALT, Ice Rink, Golf Course, Museum, Library, Gordon's concert series, and Ski basin.

What suggestions do students have?

Student suggestions are provided in the attached document. Areas of suggestion can be categorized:

- Housing
- Transportation
- Businesses / Services
- Advertisement (many students don't know about amenities!)

TRANSPORTATION

- Park & Ride - operate on weekends and evenings when students would use it most
- Park & Ride - implement summertime schedule to accommodate swelling student population
- LA Bus – establish regular routes
- Late night shuttle bus to/from Santa Fe

HOUSING

- Completely unreasonable in price and amenities
- Many more students would stay if they could afford it
- More affordable housing for short term (1-3 months), not just for 6 or 9 months
- Develop a dormitory-style housing just for students
- County-supported organization dedicated to advertising housing and rental availability
- Encourage landlord sensitivity toward month-to-month leases
- Early undergraduate students earn less and often cannot afford to continue living in Los Alamos.
- Better insulation in older homes
- Thicker, sound-proof walls within quad complexes

SERVICES / BUSINESSES

- Limited services often close (R Books, White Rock McDonalds)
- 24 hour stores (Walgreens, Target to accommodate those who work late hours)
- 24 hour diner / restaurant. Someplace to eat after 8pm.
- Cultural diversity of LA population not well represented in businesses
- Fast food restaurant that sells more than burgers and fries (E.g. Wendy's)
- Late night public transit for those who work late hours
- More social events for college aged students (the SA can only do but so much!)
- Centralized place for social activities for college-aged students
- Indoor year-round ice rink with a Free for Student night (id required)
- Bowling alley
- Los Alamos needs a place that people can meet up and hang out, somewhere to play pool and talk. Not a bar, but something that will attract young people. An "older" student center might work 21+, open late, drinks--at least coffee
- A fancy, well-kept private health club (similar to New Mexico Sports and Wellness in Albuquerque)
- A Borders bookstore that is open late
- More "night" things to do.

ADVERTISEMENT

- Didn't know (until this survey) about Ice Rink